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WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Announces WIFA's 1st Grant to Hopi Community *\$10,000 Grant Awarded to Hopi Village of Lower Moencopi for Water Source Rehabilitation*

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens today announced that WIFA has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Hopi Village of Lower Moencopi, located just south of Tuba City on the Hopi Reservation. This is WIFA's first grant to the Hopi tribe.

The grant funds will assist the Village of Lower Moencopi with the development of a plan to rehabilitate their potable water system, reduce overflows from the spring collection box and water storage tank, and conduct a review of the Village's groundwater supply.

"We are proud to provide the Hopi tribe with their first WIFA grant," said Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. "The grant will help the Village study their potable water system and develop a capital improvement plan for maintaining their system. The grant also reflects WIFA's commitment to help Arizona's Native American communities address their water infrastructure needs."

"We are pleased to assist the Village with the design phase of their drinking water project," said Jay Spector, WIFA Executive Director. "Projects like this are a good investment in a community's future."

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.